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SOURCE A VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL (F), WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.

APPR IT IS POSSIBLY TRUE THAT BOTH DIEM AND NHU HAVE BECOME AT LEAST PARTIALLY UPSET OVER CERTAIN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND OVER THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL CURRENTLY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

1. BY MID-APRIL 1963 A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TENSION HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BOTH DIEM AND NGO DINH NHU WERE CONCERNED OVER RECENT "INFRINGEMENTS" OF VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNTY. MAAG WAS CITED AS A VIOLATOR IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES WERE SINGLED OUT AS THE MAIN IRRITANT. DIEM IS ALLOWING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR FURTHER BLUNDERS AND, AFTER BUILDING UP A STRONG CASE, HE PLANS TO CONFRONT AMBASSADOR NOLTING AND USMACV CHIEF GENERAL HARKINS WITH IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF U.S. RESPONSIBILITY, DEMANDING A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF U.S.

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PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON THE BASIS THAT THE FORCE IS TOO LARGE AND UNMANAGEABLE.

2. SOME VIETNAMESE INVOLVED IN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICANS WERE BEING QUESTIONED IN DETAIL BY PRESIDENCY STAFF MEMBERS AS TO U.S. ACTIVITIES. SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS QUESTIONED HAD INDICATED TO THE PRESIDENCY THAT THE U.S. MILITARY, AND PARTICULARLY THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY WELL MOTIVATED, DID NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY FOR COORDINATING THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH APPROPRIATE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.

3. FIELD DISSEM. STATE (AMBASSADOR NOLTING), USMACV (GENERAL HARKINS), MAAG (GENERAL TIMMES), CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF.

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